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| 3        | In the Baltic<br>cruiser and destroyer (see<br>photographs 6 - 12 ).  | 25X1 |
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Leningrad  
Submarine [redacted] submarine  
chaser [redacted] and speed boats.

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1-5                  RIGA-class escort vessel

6-12                Unidentified cruiser and destroyer

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[redacted] a Russian destroyer of the Riga-class was seen  
in the waters north of KOLEBERG [redacted]

*Kolobrzeg*

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A. During period of observation, the following naval vessels seen. *area*

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- ✓1 minesweeper [redacted] in the position 60.02N/28.31E,  
heading a course of 270° straight (to the right??), speed 14 miles  
an hour.  
✓1 minesweeper [redacted] near Leningrad Light Ship, heading a  
course of 270° straight. Speed not noted.  
✓1 cruiser [redacted] Probably the ex-Neurenberg. The ship,  
lying in the harbor of Krohnstadt, had repair work being done on  
it, as well as painting.  
✓1 minesweeper [redacted] moored in the harbor of Krohnstadt.  
✓1 destroyer [redacted] (probably a Krohnstadt type) moored in the  
eastern basin of Krohnstadt.  
✓1 destroyer [redacted] This ship looked like a  
somewhat heavier type.  
1 patrol boat. in the Morskoy canal (channel) [redacted]  
✓1 MTB [redacted] also in the Morskoy canal.

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2 destroyers of the Kotlin class under construction/repair at the  
Zhadanov shipyard.

3. 25 May 1957:

- ✓1 destroyer [redacted] anchored on the roads of Krohnstadt. } probably  
✓1 destroyer [redacted] " " " " " } Krohnstadt type  
✓1 cruiser [redacted] in Krohnstadt harbor.  
1 submarine [redacted] in " "  
✓ Saw the naval vessels [redacted] again in the harbor of Krohnstadt.  
✓1 destroyer [redacted] in Krohnstadt harbor.  
1 patrol vessel [redacted] at anchor 2½ miles from Krohnstadt in the  
bearing of 270° straight from the Leningrad light ship.  
1 patrol craft [redacted] (the icebreaker PERFSNET)

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Russian Warships in the BALTIC

One Russian cruiser escorted by one Russian destroyer  
and two small East German inshore minesweepers were sighted  
in the BALTIC SEA

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2. SEA AREA BRIEF (One Cruiser)

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W 1450Z

H 1/5 Buoy Meckelenburger Bight. Steering East  
18 knots.Y Two miles North of above position. Steering SW.  
10 knots.

D Raining with the sun shining.

O Perfect freedom.

F Two vertical funnels with prominent cowls.

I None visible.

L Approx. 650 ft.

M Two masts forrad of each funnel.

S Flush deck with built up superstructure between  
funnels and a break right aft in line with X turret.

T 2 Treble turrets forrad, 2 treble turrets aft.

A 16 approx. 80 M/M pits.

R 3 Radar scanners observed but could not be described.

S Russian naval ensign.

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3. SEA AREA BRIEF (One destroyer)

W }  
 H }  
 Y } As in 2 above  
 D }  
 O }

F Two funnels slightly raked.

I Could not be distinguished.

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3. cont.

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- L Approx. 400 ft.
- M One tripod mast forward one smaller tripod aft.
- S Possible break under foremast but uncertain.
- T One twin turret forward, one twin turret aft.
- A Torpedo tubes seen but not noted.
- R N.K.
- S Russian naval ensign. Square stern cut away and sloping slightly. Depth charge racks right aft either side of Q.D.

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[redacted] outside Ovisi lighthouse a Soviet cruiser and three destroyers in a right-turn column. The vessels came on a course NNE and rounded the lighthouse on a 2-3' distant from land. Outside Ventspils were three large submarines with streamlined turrets, and a submarine chaser of the KRONSTADT type towing a painted cloth target.

[redacted] outside Paldiski the Soviet cruiser ADMIRAL MAKAROV, was followed by six destroyers, probably of the SKORYI type, and three minesweepers similar to the M 40 class. The destroyers held on course, while the minesweepers moved on line.

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Soviet destroyer (SKORY Class)  
was seen at position 12 seamiles northwest Dagerort at course 45°  
making about 20 knots. The destroyer altered course to about 90°  
near Glatova light buoy. Of the two radars in the higher forecastle,  
one was in operation. The destroyer ran almost smokeless.

Comment. The destroyer was first reported off Kronshtadt

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Soviet speedboat [ ] of a [ ]  
fusiform shape, without stack, slanting stern, torpedo tubes along  
either side of the bridge, a mast with pear-shaped radar aft of the  
bridge and 1 twin gun forward and aft was on position in the sea  
canal. Speedboat [ ] which was of identical type, weighted anchor  
east of the fort (Forts) and made for Leningrad at about 1120.

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Soviet KRONSTADT [ ] a flat  
vessel of about 50 meters in length with continuous deck, a raking  
stack in the center and aft of the square bridge, a topmast and a gun  
on the foc'sle was on position in the sea canal. The stack of the vessel  
was painted grey and marked by a white-bordered narrow blue band.

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Soviet submarine [ ] put to sea toward  
Kronstadt, coming from the Baltic Shipyards [ ]

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Comment. The vessels were reported for the first time.

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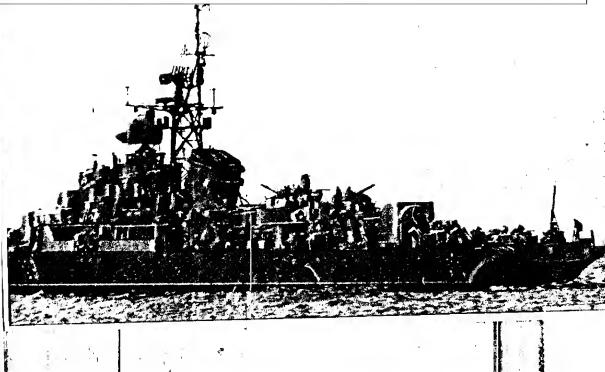
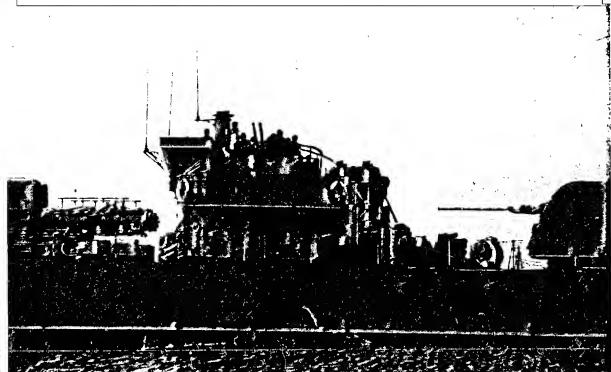
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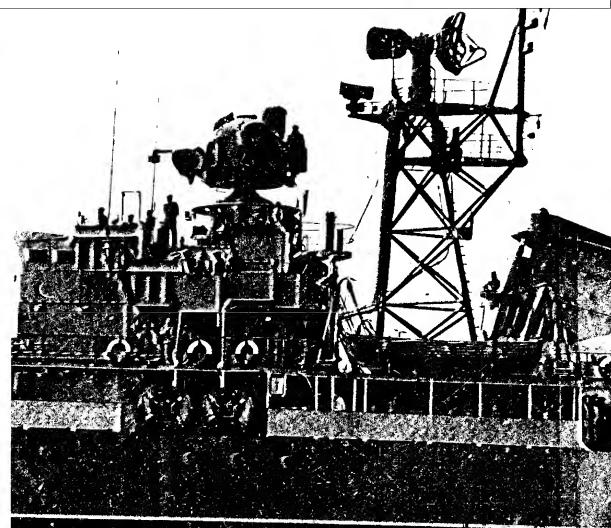
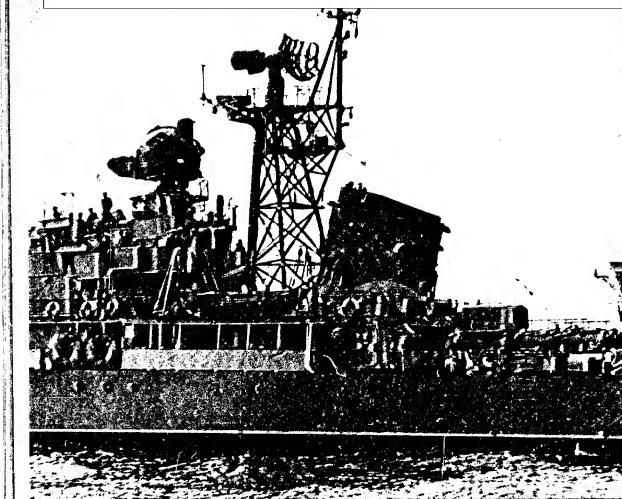


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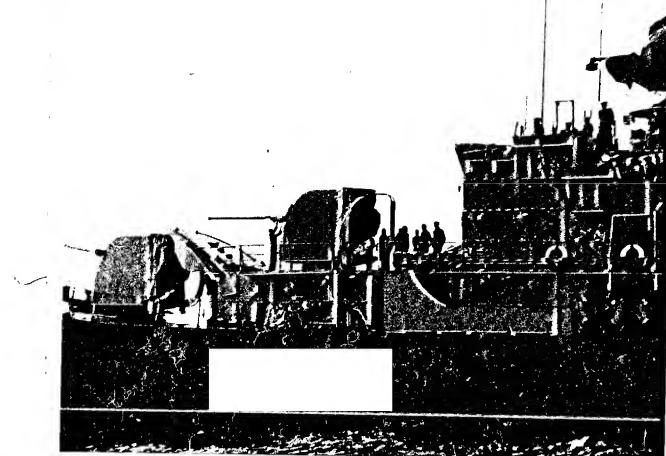
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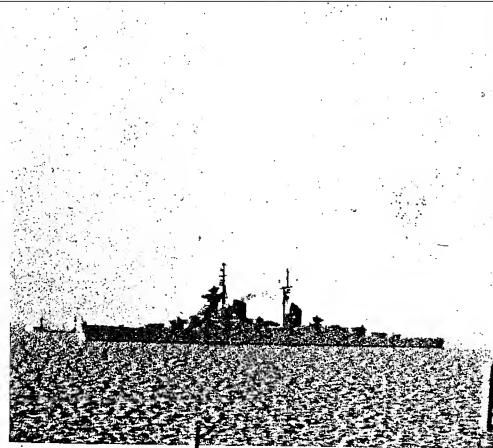
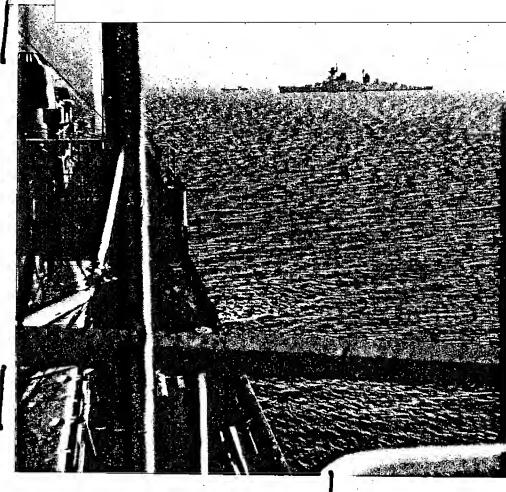
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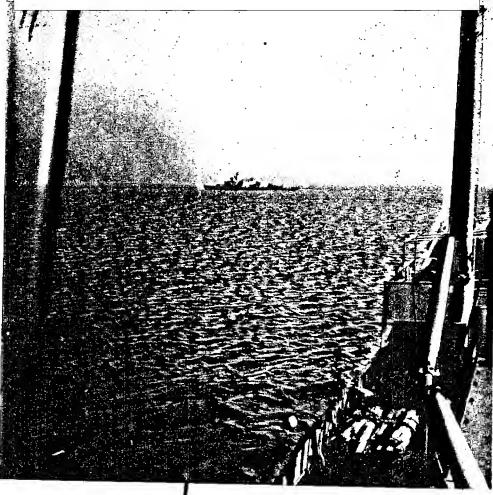
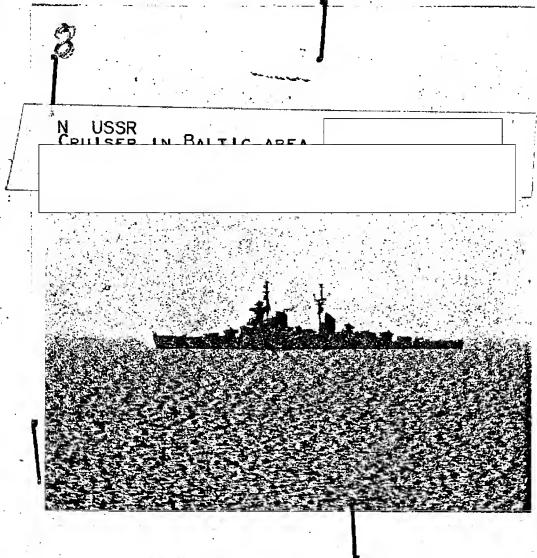
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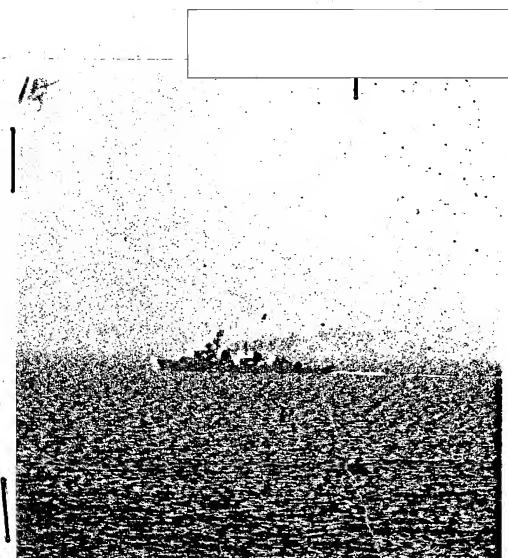


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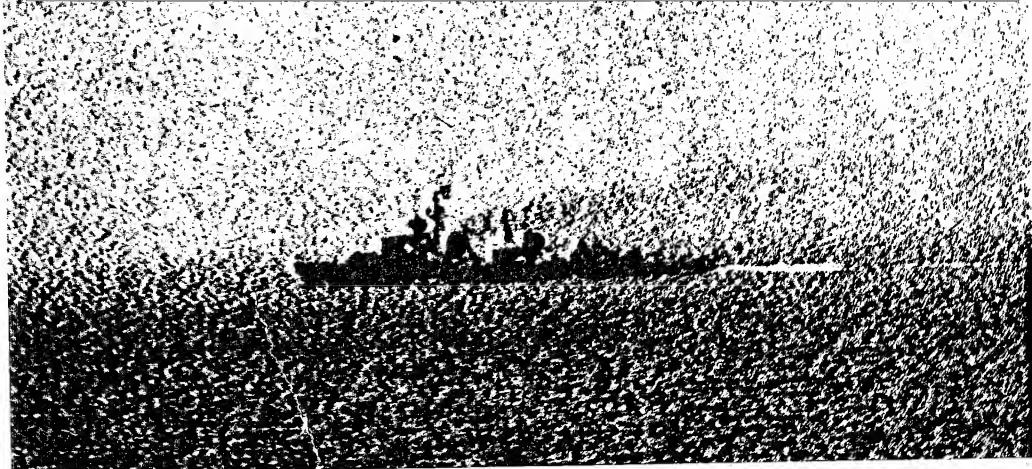
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